GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1274
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PROTECTION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The steps taken by the Government to protect and preserve the archaeological and historical monuments of the country:

(b) The number of circles under the Archaeological Survey of India at present and the details of the Supreintend Archaeologists of each circle;

(c) the details of the recent archaeological excavations conducted by the earache circle during the last three years:

(d) the details of monuments or temples under each of the circle till date and the annual expenditue incurred on the restoration, renovation and preservation of the same during the lst three years.

(e) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has any special programme to document, preserve and protect the numerous Hero stones in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) lf so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India has declared 3602 monuments and sites as centrally protected. These monuments are conserved according to archaeological norms as per their assessed requirements. Ammexire-I Recent Archaeological Excavations Conducted by the each circle of the ASI during the last three years 1996-97 1997-98& 1998-99

(b) There are eighteen circles and two mini circles in the Archaeological Survey of India headed by Superintending Archaeologists and Deputy Superintending Archaeologists respectively.

(c) The details are placed at Annexture-I

1. Agra Circle, Agra, U.P. 1, Mehtab Bagh, Distt. Agra, UP. 2. Fatehpur Sikri, Distt. U.P. 2. Aurangabad Circle, Aurangabad, Maharashtra. 1) Paithan, Distt. Aurangabad, Maharashtra. 3. Bangalore Circle, Bangalore, Karanataka. 1) Kudligi and Harapanahalli, Distt. Bellary, Karnataka.2) Sannati, Distt. Gulbarga, Karantak. 3)Hampi, Distt. Bellary.4) Banakanahalli, Distt. Shimoga, 5)Gudnapur Distt. Uttar Kannada, 6)Hasargangudi, Distt. Gulbarga, 7) Mirjan Fort, Disttg. North Kanara.

4.Bhopal Cirle, Bhopal M.P. 1) Barauni Khurd, Distt. Batia, 2) Sanchi, Distt. Raisen, 3) Satdhara, Distt. Raisen, 4) Kotwar, Distt Morena, 5) Undasa Village, Distt. Ujjain 6) Mound around Khjurabha, Distt. Chattarpur, 7) Barhat, Distt. Rewa, 8) Mandhata, Distt Khandwa.

5. Bhubneshwar Cirlce, Orissa. 1) Aragarh, Distt. Puri, 2) Barabati Fort, Distt. Cutack. Orissa.

(d) The details of the centrally protected monuments/sites under each of the circles is placed at Annextue-II. The expenditure incurred on the restoration, renovation & preservation of monuments during the preceedng three years is as under:

1996-97 Rs. 1740.17 lakhs
1997-98 Rs. 2339.30 lakhs
1998-99 Rs. 2437.34 lakhs

(e) No, Slr.

(f) Question does not arise.